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## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 12

### Introduced by Assembly Member Steinberg

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 12—Relative to the Honorable Robert K. Puglia.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 12, as amended, Steinberg. The Honorable Robert K. Puglia.

This measure would honor Presiding Justice Robert K. Puglia on his outstanding record of judicial leadership with the California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, commend, congratulate, and honor him on his long and distinguished record of public service and on his outstanding display of civic leadership, and convey to him best, heartfelt wishes for good health and every continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert K. Puglia has  
2 retired as Presiding Justice of the California Court of  
3 Appeal, Third Appellate District, after more than 27 years  
4 of dedicated trial and appellate judicial leadership and  
5 service, and in recognition of his exemplary record of  
6 personal and professional accomplishments, he is  
7 deserving of special honors and the highest  
8 commendations; and

9 WHEREAS, Robert K. Puglia was born October 16,  
10 1929, in Westerville, Franklin County, Ohio, and served  
11 his country with honor in the United States Army  
12 Infantry, attaining the rank of Sergeant First Class, in the  
13 Korean War from 1952 to 1955; and

14 WHEREAS, He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from  
15 Ohio State University and a Bachelor of Laws degree  
16 from the University of California at Berkeley School of  
17 Law, Boalt Hall; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1959, Robert Puglia was admitted to the  
19 California State Bar, the United States Court of Appeals,  
20 Ninth Circuit, and the United States District Court,  
21 Eastern District of California; and

22 WHEREAS, Robert Puglia thereafter distinguished  
23 himself as Chief Deputy District Attorney of Sacramento  
24 County and as a partner in a private law firm in  
25 Sacramento; and

26 WHEREAS, Governor Ronald Reagan appointed  
27 Robert Puglia as Judge of the Sacramento Superior Court



1 in 1971, elevated him to Associate Justice of the California  
2 Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, in 1974, and  
3 elevated him to Presiding Justice of that Court on  
4 November 27, 1974; and

5 WHEREAS, Justice Puglia was overwhelmingly  
6 confirmed by the electorate in 1974, 1978, and again in  
7 1990; and

8 WHEREAS, During his tenure as Presiding Justice of  
9 the California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District,  
10 Presiding Justice Puglia established himself as a  
11 distinguished jurist, eloquent legal author, and keen legal  
12 intellect with instant recall of legal principles, case  
13 names, and citations; and

14 WHEREAS, During the same period, he established  
15 himself as an able and conscientious leader and  
16 administrator at the Court of Appeal, inspiring colleagues  
17 and employees alike to the highest standards; and

18 WHEREAS, Presiding Justice Puglia, as a triumvir on  
19 the Commission on Judicial Appointments, confirmed the  
20 appointments to the California Supreme Court of Chief  
21 Justice Ronald M. George, and Associate Justices Kathryn  
22 Werdegar, Ming Chin, and Janice Rogers Brown, and to  
23 the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, of  
24 Associate Justices Cruz Reynoso, Coleman Blease,  
25 Frances Carr, Keith Sparks, Richard Sims, Fred Marler,  
26 Rodney Davis, Arthur Scotland, Joseph DeCristoforo,  
27 George Nicholson, Vance Raye, Fred Morrison, Janice  
28 Rogers Brown, Connie Callahan, and Harry Hull; and

29 WHEREAS, Presiding Justice Puglia served on  
30 assignment as Acting Chief Justice of the California  
31 Supreme Court in 1992, and as Associate Justice in 1995,  
32 1994, 1991, 1990, 1989, 1984, 1983, and 1979; and

33 WHEREAS, Presiding Justice Puglia served as  
34 President of the California Judges Association, the  
35 Council of Chief Judges of Courts of Appeal, and the  
36 Anthony M. Kennedy American Inn of Court; and

37 WHEREAS, Presiding Justice Puglia as author, in  
38 concurrence or dissent, has participated in approximately  
39 10,000 opinions of the Court of Appeal, including over

1 1,000 published opinions, a number of which established  
2 controlling legal precedent; and

3 WHEREAS, In those opinions, Presiding Justice Puglia  
4 has remained consistently faithful to the principles of  
5 judicial restraint and separation of powers; and

6 WHEREAS, The Legislature is indebted to Presiding  
7 Justice Puglia for initiating the return of Emmanuel  
8 Leutze's renowned painting "Fort Sumter After the  
9 Bombardment" (which presently hangs in the State  
10 Capitol) to the State of California (to which the  
11 Honorable Norton Chipman, first Presiding Justice of the  
12 Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, had  
13 bequeathed the painting in 1921) from the State of South  
14 Carolina, which had neglected to return it after  
15 borrowing it some years earlier; and

16 WHEREAS, Presiding Justice Puglia and his beautiful  
17 wife, Ingrid, are the parents of four wonderful children,  
18 Susan, Peter, David, and Thomas; and

19 WHEREAS, Presiding Justice Puglia has admirably and  
20 faithfully served the people of the State of California with  
21 great integrity and, by providing consistent  
22 interpretation of the law, has ensured equitable  
23 treatment for all citizens; now, therefore be it

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the*  
25 *Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of the  
26 State of California takes great pleasure in honoring  
27 Presiding Justice Robert K. Puglia on his outstanding  
28 record of judicial leadership with the California Court of  
29 Appeal, Third Appellate District, commends,  
30 congratulates, and honors him on his long and  
31 distinguished record of public service and on his  
32 outstanding display of civic leadership, and conveys to  
33 him best, heartfelt wishes for good health and every  
34 continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

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